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SUBJECT: REPORTED FMG ARREARAGES

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(E) STATE 65580

1. WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT CURRENT DIFFERENCES AND CONFUSION OVER WHETHER AND HOW MUCH FMG OWES FOR PAST AND CURRENT MILITARY TRAINING MAY RESULT IN APRIL 15 :75-OFF OF ALL NIGERIAN MILITARY TRAINING IN THE U.S. REF (C) INDICATES THAT THIS WILL BE THE CASE, WHILE REFS (A) AND (B) PROVIDE CONFLICTING INDICATIONS OF TOTAL AMOUNT OWED, REF (E) STATE FMG HAS NO OUTSTANDING ARREARAGES, AND REF (D) REPORTS THE AMOUNT IS BEING REVIEWED BY DOD.

2. WE HAVE IMPRESSION OF CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION IN ACCOUNTING ON THE U.S. SIDE, PLUS AN APPARENT READINESS TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION WHICH WOULD BE SURE TO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL AND HARMFUL POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS HERE. SUDDEN CUT-OFF OF U.S. MILITARY TRAINING WOULD RAISE THE SPECTER OF U.S. UNDEPENDABILITY AND ARBITRARI-
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NESS PRECISELY WHEN WE ARE BEGINNING TO GET WAWAY FROM THAT IMAGE AND WHEN OUR POLITICAL COOPERATION WITH FMG IN MATTERS SUCH AS ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS IS OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE TO US. WE HAVE FURTHER IMPRESSION OF ARBITRARY AND IN SOME RESPECTS RETROACTIVE CHANGE OF GROUND RULES RE MILITARY TRAINING COSTS AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES.

3. WE DO NOT SEEK TO WHITEWASH THE FMG; BUREAUCRATIC INEFFICIENCY AND DELAYS ARE ENDEMIC, AND PAYMENT FOR U.S. MILITARY TRAINING HAS BEEN A CHRONIC HEADACHE. WE DO, HOWEVER, BELIEVE IT NOT AT ALL IN U.S. INTEREST TO TAKE THE THREATENED ACTION, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE ACTUAL STATE OF ACCOUNTS IS FAR FROM CLEAR. STRONGLY URGE THAT U.S. POLITICAL MILITARY INTERESTS IN NIGERIA BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND THAT WAYS BE FOUND TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITHOUT TRAUMATIC RUPTURE OF A RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS PROVED PARTICULARLY VALUABLE TO US.
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